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Dear Bill:

Re: Patentability Search  
MICROINSTRUMENTATION-BASED POLYMERASE CHAIN REACTION (PCR)  
DIAGNOSTICS  
Inventor: Northrop and White  
Case No.: B92-011

This letter is authorization to perform a patentability search for the above invention disclosure. Upon completion of your review of the literature and available patents (including a European patent search), please forward the documentation to me with a copy to the inventors.

Please refer to the above case number B92-011 for billing your time and materials.

If I can be of any assistance in obtaining further information or in setting up meetings, please call me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that appears to read "Scott".

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cc: Dr. White  
Dr. Northrop